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Mr. Ophuls came to see me this morning. He read me a letter [redacted] Chancellor Adenauer is considering sending to President Laniel. It suggests immediate agreement on the Saar accord as drawn at Strasbourg with the proviso that changes could be made after the ratification by all the nations of EDC. I explained to Ophuls why, in my opinion, the sending of such a message would be [redacted] undesirable. Forces have been set in motion likely to bring about early consideration of the Strasbourg accord, and the Chancellor's letter would only confuse the issue.

Later, Mr. von Etzdorf, of the German Mission, called on me. He is going home tonight for a short visit and I expressed the hope he would do his utmost to have his Government make any concessions which it properly could in an effort to bring about a rapid settlement of the protocol and Saar issues. I explained to him the reasons why it seemed to some of us the situation as it had recently developed in France was hopeful for a vote on the EDC Treaty by the National Assembly before the parliamentary vacations. In connection with the Saar agreement, I thought the Chancellor should refuse to participate in any further discussions on it unless they were held between himself and Laniel or Bidault.

We went to the Henri Boisgelins' for lunch, at 3, rue Masseran. It is a beautiful property, next to the house of Etienne de Beaumont. The dining room has the finest lacquer panelling I have seen in Paris. There is also a collection of Greek and Roman objects of art, chiefly bronzes and marbles, collected by Henri's great uncle in Syria. He spent a great deal of his life there, and was a passionate amateur of these objects. He followed his own taste and, according to the Greek-Roman curator of the Louvre, who was also at lunch, it is the finest private assemblage of this sort [redacted] made in modern times. The Boisgelins are a delightful couple. We had a delicious lunch, the high point of which was

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the consumption of unlimited quantities of 1898 Ch. Latour, which they had fortunately and successfully walled up against German cupidity. It was in magnificent condition.

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